Meet Your New Executive Committee & Bargaining Team!

Congratulations to Mary Romanaggi, Brenda West, Kaycee Brandt and Juel Radke who were elected through acclamation to serve as your Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) Executive Committee. Additionally, Kelsie Peterson from OB will be serving as an alternate. The Executive Committee also serves as the ONA Bargaining Team for Providence Seaside Hospital (PSH). On April 9, the team got together and assessed priorities, talked about negotiations strategies and began to create a bargaining survey that will go out to all nurses in mid-May. We want your thoughts and priorities for our next contract. We definitely want to hear from every single person. We want to understand the experiences of the departments, such as Med-Surg, that don’t have a representative at the table. In June, after our survey is completed, the team will meet to draft proposals and share them with you for your input at a general membership meeting this summer. Questions or comments? Reach out to our Labor Relations Representative Karly Edwards at edwards@oregonrn.org
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“I’m excited about being part of change and making a positive difference in how the hospital functions by coming to the negotiating table.” - Brenda

“I want Nurses at Providence Seaside to know that we have a voice, and that there is power in using it. We don’t need to be afraid of speaking up for the things we care about - we are ONA.” - Mary

“I have joined the negotiating team because I want to fight for improvements for our nurses. Even though negotiations can be frustrating and a long process I am proud we make improvements that benefit all of us." - Kaycee

“There’s a lot of issues at PSH I’ve been frustrated with. I see that there is strength in speaking up as a group and that only together we can make the positive changes we need. Some people feel like they aren’t safe speaking up - I’m not afraid and I want to build the workplace we all need.” - Kelsie

“I spent most of my career in a non-union environment. I came to PSH not necessarily pro-union either. I’ve seen first hand that impact that having a union can have in making our workplace better, and I want to be part of building the organization that I know can be a lifeline for nurses to have real voice. If there is anything I can do to help other nurses, I’m going to do it.” - Ruth